



# SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2015 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 16, 2015**  
**Schedule 2**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** January 27 – Bill request deadline.  
February 13 – Bill introduction deadline.  
All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 12.  
As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

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## **HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 15, 2015**

**HB 40**     **Delegate Rosenberg**  
**COURTS – CERTIFICATE OF MERIT – PROVIDER OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**  
Requiring the contents of the certificate of a qualified expert to include a statement from a qualified expert that the licensed professional failed to meet an applicable standard of professional care and supervision; applying the Act prospectively; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015  
CJ, § 3-2C-02 - amended  
Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 41 Delegate Rosenberg****IMMUNITIES – ASSOCIATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND CHARITIES  
– LIABILITY OF AGENTS AND VOLUNTEERS**

Altering the definitions of “association or organization” and “community association” for purposes of provisions of law limiting the civil liability of specified community associations and their agents under specified circumstances; altering specified definitions, for purposes of the Maryland Associations, Organizations, and Agents Act, to include specified former tax exempt entities; providing that specified volunteers may not be held personally liable for the obligations of the associations or organizations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

CJ, §§ 5-406 and 5-407 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 16, 2015****HB 42 Delegate Rosenberg, et al****FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRESERVATION ACT OF 2015**

Providing that an employer is liable under specified circumstances in an action concerning a violation of specified provisions of employment discrimination and retaliation law based on quid pro quo harassment or the creation or continuation of harassment in a hostile work environment; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015

SG, § 20-610 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 43 Delegates Rosenberg and Parrott****ELECTION LAW – PETITIONS – PROHIBITED ACTIONS**

Prohibiting a person from willfully and knowingly preventing, hindering, or delaying a person who has a lawful right to sign a petition from signing a petition through the use of fraud, duress, or force.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2015

EL, § 16-401 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means